Enhancement of cost of construction of an unit under Indira Awas Yogana

1868. SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal for enhancement of cost of construction of an unit under Indira Awas Yogana; and

(b) if so, whether Government intend to increase the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI UPENDRA NATH VERMA) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

Criteria for Inclusion under DPAP

1869. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any criterion to cover a Taluka under Drought Prone Area Programme;

(b) the number of Talukas covered under this scheme in the country; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to cover more Talukas under this scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI UPENDRA NATH VERMA): (a) A Block is taken as the lowest unit for demarcating an area as drought prone. The criteria laid down by the Task Force (1982), as modified by the Inter Departmental Group (1984) for inclusion of a Block under Drought Prone Areas Programme (DPAP) are as below:

Block as a Unit for inclusion	Annual rainfall	% of net irrigated area to net sown area
Criteria for inclusion of a Block	(i) below 750 mm	below 20
	(ii) 750–1125 mm	below 15
	(iii) above 1125 mm	below 10

The above criteria is subject to the fact that the number of blocks to be covered should be at least 20 per cent of the total blocks in the district.

(b) 615 blocks in 91 districts of 13 States are covered under the DPAP.

(c) The Government have set up a National Committee which, among other things, would look into the suggestions made by the State Governments for future coverage under DPAP. A decision on the inclusion of additional areas/blocks, if any, under the Programme will be taken after the Report of the Committee is received.

Induction of three Phase Traction Motors in Diesel and Electric Locos

1870. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether in some of the progressive railways in the world, 3-phase induction motors are being used; and